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L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SS-15 USIA-12

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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4047

DI A WASHDC IMMEDIATE

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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AMEMBASSY WARSAW

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMCONSUL UDORN

USDEL JEC PARIS

USIA WASHDC

SECDEF

USDAO SAIGON

DIRNSA FT GG MEADE MD

CINCPAC

CINCUSARPAC

COMUSMACTHAI

DEPCHJUSMATHAI

CINCPACFLT

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CDR USSAG NKP

CDR 13 AF ADVON UDORN

DOD SPECREP BANGKOK

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CHSPECATS BANGKOK
7 ACCS KORAT
354 TFW KORAT RTAFB
56 SOW NKP
432 TRW UDORN
CDR JCRC NKP
8 TFW UBON
ARMA/ AIRA VTN LAOS
ARMA/ AIRA SVKT LAOS

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SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT - MAY 10
CINCPAC FOR POLAD AND DWORKEN; 13 AF ADVON, 432 TRW, 56
SOW, 354 TFW AND 8 TFW FOR DO/ DI; MACTHAI FOR J2 AND PAO

BEGIN SUMMARY: MILITARY - ON MAY 9, ONLY ONE VERY MINOR
MILITARY INCIDENT OCCURRED IN LAOS. RLAF FLEW NO SORTIES.
SEARCH ON MAY 10 FOR MISSING CONTRACT AIRCRAFT YIELDED NO
RESULTS. POLITICAL - IN CONVERSATION MAY 10, LPF SPECIAL
ADVISOR PHOUMI STUCK TO UNYIELDING LPF LINE ON ALL SUBJECTS
AND EARLY PROGRESS IN LAO NEGOTIATIONS DOES NOT APPEAR LIKELY.

END SUMMARY

1. MILITARY SITUATION

A. IN ONLY MILITARY GROUND ACTION REPORTED 9 MAY, FRIENDLY
COMPANY, IN AREA 16 KM SOUTH OF PAKSE, CLASHED BRIEFLY
WITH SMALL ENEMY UNIT (NO CASUALTIES). RLAF FLEW NO SORTIES.

B. MAY 10 SEARCH FOR U. S. CONTRACT AIRCRAFT, MISSING SINCE
7 MAY, CONTINUED WITHOUT YIELDING ANY RESULTS . SEARCH WILL
BE RESUMED ON MAY 11.

2. POLITICAL SITUATION

ON MAY 10, CHARGE HAD 90- MINUTE MEETING WITH LPF SPECIAL
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ADVISOR PHOUMI, PRIMARILY TO DISCUSS MIA MATTERS AND
MISSING U. S. CONTRACT AIRCRAFT LOST ON MAY 7. IN
COURSE OF CONVERSATION, PHOUMI REITERATED THAT FORMATION
OF COALITION GOVERNMENT, NEUTRALIZATION OF LUANG PRABANG
AND VIENTIANE, AND ALL MILITARY PROBLEMS MUST BE RESOLVED
AT SAME TIME. PHOUMI CONFIRMED THAT LPF IS INSISTING ON
RECEIVING VICE PRIME MINISTERSHIP.

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